

# City Elections Board Explores Alternative Voting Systems

by James Giese

Greenbelt resident Stephen Jascourt and Eric Olson, deputy director of the Center for Voting and Democracy, made a presentation to the Greenbelt Board of Elections on September 30 on two alternative methods for counting votes in city elections – choice voting and cumulative voting. They claim that if Greenbelt used these methods it would enable minorities to achieve proportional representation on the Greenbelt City Council.

The Elections Board had arranged for the special meeting following direction by council on a request by Councilmember Alan Turnbull at a March 11 council meeting. Board chair Judith Ott said that the board would provide advice to council but would make no decision to change election procedures.

Jascourt, who had offered the city council his assistance on the two alternatives, used electronic slides to make his presentation. Besides the board, this reporter and city staff, 12 others were present including all five councilmembers and at least two former council candidates.

## Pizza

Using a pizza as an example, Jascourt demonstrated the difference between proportional representation and current election methods. Dividing the pizza into five slices standing for five elected representatives, he suggested a sample vote in which 11 of 20 voters favored pepperoni, five favored green peppers and four favored mushrooms. Under the current system for electing council candidates, pepperoni would have received 55 percent of the votes cast and there would be a pepperoni pizza. Under a proportional representation system, a majority of the slices, three, would be pepperoni, but one slice would be green peppers and the last, mushrooms. He argued that a pepperoni council would be inclined to make everyone eat pepperoni, while a proportional representative council might help to forge a compromise, such as using soy pepperoni, making policy kosher and the pizza vegetarian.

Jascourt displayed city election data for the past 10 elections showing the number of votes not

cast that voters could have cast. With each voter allowed five votes to cast, Jascourt calculated that an average of only four votes was actually cast per voter over the 20-year period of time (although the average for the most recent election was closer to four and one-half votes per voter). He felt this lower number indicated an effort on the part of some voters to “bullet vote,” that is, withhold votes from candidates less favored to the advantage of the one or more candidates most favored. He said that the total of votes not cast at almost every election exceeded the number cast for the candidate who became mayor.

## Diversity

According to census figures Jascourt displayed Greenbelt’s population is becoming more diverse, with the combined percentage of all minority groups now greater than the number of whites in the city. With so many minorities, holding at-large elections can pose legal problems, he contended. Jascourt said that in

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by Elaine Skolnik

# Jaeger Tract Acquisition Possible at \$1.5 Million

City Manager Michael McLaughlin will update the Greenbelt City Council on possible sale of the Jaeger tract at council’s regular meeting next Monday, October 21 in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m. “We believe we are close to finalizing a deal on [the sale of] the property,” he said. “The land owners [Community Management Company] appear willing to sell the Jaeger tract for \$1.5 million.” They also want to “take advantage of a possible tax credit and tax write-off that might be available,” he added.

The decades-long desire of the city, joined later by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Westchester Park Civic Association, to incorporate the 17.43 acre Jaeger tract into Greenbelt Park appears to be nearing final resolution. Surrounded on three sides by the federal park, which is itself located within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt, the Jaeger tract is south of Westchester Park drive about 300 feet east of Kenilworth

Avenue in the unincorporated Westchester Park community.

Over the past two years a partnership composed of the City of Greenbelt, NPS, National Park Trust and Westchester Park Civic Association have pressed for integration of the Jaeger tract, zoned rural residential (two detached single family homes an acre), into adjacent Greenbelt Park. Although the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has approved, with conditions, a preliminary plan of subdivision for 19 single-family homes on the property, the owners, Community Management Company, and their representative Amir Ahmad have been willing to negotiate with NPS on the sale of the land.

This process has moved slowly, starting with the obtaining of appraisals of the Jaeger tract by NPS and Community and followed by negotiations by both parties of the difference between their appraisals. The NPS ap-

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# Half Million Is Slated For Left-Turn Lanes

by Virginia Beauchamp

The Maryland Department of Transportation has allocated \$557,000 for the widening of Greenbelt Road to provide double left-turn lanes for eastbound traffic at the intersection with Cherrywood Lane. Work is scheduled to begin this fall, with completion in spring 2003. The project is listed among new road construction plans for Prince George’s County scheduled through 2008.

According to Celia Craze, the city’s director of planning and community development, her office has not yet been informed about design plans for the change – whether Greenbelt Road will actually be widened or the median strip possibly narrowed. A left-turn lane normally requires a narrower width than a lane designed for through-traffic, she said. Opposite Cherrywood Lane in Berwyn Heights on the other side of Greenbelt Road is 60th Street.

The prospect of road construction at the Greenbelt intersection may be complicated by new commercial construction to begin in the northwest segment of adjacent property at the intersection, which belongs to Beltway Plaza. Currently the area surrounding the former gas station at that site and the car wash facility has been fenced off for demolition work that is underway.

A new row of stores at a right angle to Cherrywood Lane is projected for the site. City council at its October 7 meeting expressed concern about the impact on Cherrywood traffic by the planned access lane to this new commercial property, which will parallel Greenbelt Road. An immediate left-turn lane from Cherrywood Lane following a left turn from Greenbelt Road could create intolerable congestion, the city believes.

(For further discussion of this issue see city council story.)

# Greenbelt Lake, New Stores And Grant Occupy City Council

by Barbara Hopkins

A water quality assessment of Greenbelt Lake, a new shopping center and an application for funds toward the Springhill Lake Recreation Center were on the agenda at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, October 7. Council also agreed on comments to the county school board’s CEO search committee (see separate story on page 9) and heard an update on the city’s information technology.

## Lake Study

Council agreed to contract with Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA) for a study of water quality in the watershed of Greenbelt Lake. ESA will provide a report to the city containing a comprehensive plan enabling the City of Greenbelt to apply for money from grant programs. ESA has worked with the city before on environmental projects and is familiar with the lake and its tributaries. Terri Hruby from Greenbelt’s Department of Planning and Community Development told council that the department plans to use the study as an educational experience for staff, who may be able to perform future studies after observing ESA personnel.

The proposed study will use a process called Rapid Stream

Assessment Technique to evaluate the relative health of all perennial streams in the lake watershed. The final report will include maps, photos and a prioritized list of potential water resource improvements that could raise the water quality and health of Greenbelt Lake. There will also be a wildlife assessment. ESA will assist the city’s Public Works Department in planning and implementing projects to carry out their recommendations.

ESA has been working with city staff to develop a plan addressing city concerns and expectations. Councilmember Thomas White said he thinks the proposal accomplishes this goal. Money for the project will come from capital improvement funds from the FY 2003 budget.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull requested that the contract specify a briefing of council and an opportunity for public input on the report after its completion.

## Computer Update

Stephen Robinson, the city’s first director of information technology, reported to council on changes to the city’s computer and communications systems. He said the city’s computer network has been updated to utilize a fiber optics network installed by Comcast. The first round of

system upgrades to the internet access included installation of a firewall and email interface enabling councilmembers to access their email accounts either from home or the city offices. Fifty percent of the city’s computers have been replaced with new equipment, he said, and 25 percent of the rest were replaced with existing hardware after they were upgraded.

Robinson informed council that the city will save at least \$40,000 a year by making an investment in equipment for phone service upgrades and aggregating current lines for more efficient use. The equipment will require no budgetary expenditure, he said, since it could be paid for out of the savings obtained.

Further upgrades, necessary because of the age of the systems and difficulties in obtaining parts, will be made to city phone systems during the rest of this year.

Robinson said he also plans to expand the city’s use of automation in the near future. He is looking into software that would enable public works to automate part of its maintenance program. He said current Recreation Department software has the capability to allow citizens to register

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## What Goes On

### Saturday, October 19

Recycling and Environment Committee's Lake Park Clean-up, "Buddy" Attick Park has been cancelled.

### Monday, October 21

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

### Thursday, October 24

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

### Saturday, October 26

SchromFest (rescheduled from Oct. 12) has been postponed until further notice.



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for recreation classes online. Mayor Judith Davis asked if this would not give an unfair advantage to internet users in registering for classes, which are first-come, first-serve. Robinson explained that it is within the functionality of the software to limit the number of registrations allowed online, as well as defining dates for internet registration.

### Shopping Center

Quantum Management Co. has obtained a county building permit for demolishing the car wash on Cherrywood Lane and constructing in its place a one-story retail shopping structure to contain from two to six tenants.

A revised site plan was presented to council including changes satisfactory to city staff and the Advisory Planning Board in landscaping, pedestrian circulation, access, parking and other issues. Kap Kapastin, of Quantum, told council that he had reason to hope there might be one or two restaurants, including a bakery café, at the new center. Hruby said she expected there would actually be fewer than six businesses in the building.

Councilmembers expressed concern that patrons be prevented from making illegal and unsafe left turns into and out of the center, since exits for north-bound traffic onto Cherrywood Lane would require driving around the shopping area to the exit. Another concern was for pedestrian safety in that shoppers returning to their cars might be endangered by cars entering the shopping center at a high rate of

speed and from an angle difficult for the pedestrian to see.

Turnbull requested that voting on the issue be deferred to the next meeting when Quantum representatives would return to show how these concerns would be addressed.

However, City Manager Michael McLaughlin then clarified that this design was not actually a site plan. Because of the size and scope of the project, staff had wanted to make council aware of it. Since the county had issued a building permit, the city permit was a matter of course as long as the project conformed to the building code. It was the opinion of City Attorney Robert Manzi that the city had little leeway to deny the permit since a county permit had been issued. Nonetheless, Kapastin said his group would take council's suggestions and concerns under consideration and would send a report back through city staff.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who during the discussion had called it "a bad design . . . a dangerous design," one he could not vote for in good conscience due to concerns about pedestrian safety, then said he had no choice but to vote in favor of the plan. White moved that council approve the plan with the inclusion of recommendations from city planning staff, since these were items the applicant had already agreed upon. The motion carried, four to one, with Turnbull dissenting.

### Block Grant

Council voted to accept

staff's recommendation to apply to the county for a grant of \$300,000 to be used toward the Springhill Lake Recreation Center project. In previous years, this type of county grant had been used for street work.

At a meeting on September 18, officials from the Prince George's Housing and Community Development Department outlined the new direction the county is taking in awarding the grants. Representatives of municipalities attending the meeting were encouraged to focus on "economic development/revitalization" projects and discouraged from submitting street work. County representatives also said that awards of \$100,000 per year should not be expected to continue.

In preparing the recommendation to council, staff noted the Springhill Lake Recreation project is in line with what the county is now looking for in awarding grants. If approved, the project will be within \$150,000 of the estimated \$1.5 million cost.

Davis asked David Moran, assistant to the city manager, to include on the application information on how the project would improve the safety of children in the area, add to its economic viability by making the apartment complex a more desirable place to live and offer an educational component since computers would be available at the center. A motion to submit the application was approved unanimously.

## P.G. Philharmonic Opens Season

The Prince George's Philharmonic opens the 2002-2003 season performing Mendelssohn Symphony No. 5 and the Neruda Trumpet Concerto on Saturday, October 19. Music Director Charles Ellis opens the concert with Suppe's Poet and Peasant Overture and is joined by Langston Fitzgerald III in the rarely-performed Neruda Trumpet Concerto. The performance begins at 8 p.m. in the Hallam Theatre, Queen Anne Fine Arts Building at the Prince George's Community College in Largo. For information, call 301-454-1462.

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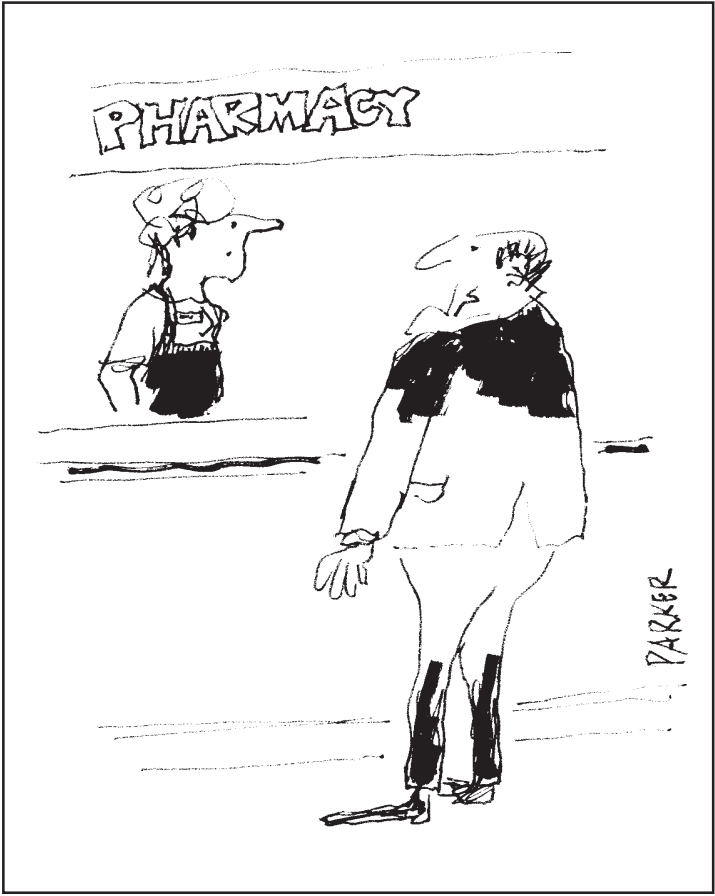
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## The Old Curmudgeon



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## Correction

The story, "Uphoff Exhibit Fantastic Mix" on page two of the October 10, 2002, News Review credited the wrong reporter. The actual author of the Linda Uphoff story is Barbara Young. Oops, wrong Barbara . . . we're sorry, Barbara Young!

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

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praisal is about \$580,000 below that by Community. Reportedly, the NPS appraisal value was \$1.1 million and Community's appraisal was \$1.68 million.

### Federal Support

Meanwhile Congressman Steny Hoyer was successful in persuading the US Congress to include in its 2002 Fiscal Year Department of Interior appropriations bill \$1 million for acquisition of the Jaeger tract, subject to matching funds. Obtaining matching funds totaling \$1 million was a big hurdle for the partnership to overcome before Congress passes its Fiscal Year 2003 budget, probably sometime after the November elections. The concern was that not enough matching funds would be collected by the partnership to prevent Congress from reprogramming the Jaeger tract appropriation to other purposes. To prevent this from occurring, Hoyer recently obtained a waiver on the federal matching funds requirement.

Currently, the amount that must be raised is \$500,000 to meet the \$1.5 million sales price that Community Management Company appears to be willing to accept. Funds already available include \$1 million from Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Interior budget,

\$100,000 committed by the City of Greenbelt, \$100,000 from NPS, \$200,000 guaranteed by the National Park Trust (a "Private Land Conservancy Saving American Parklands") and \$9,000 from the Westchester Park community. A source for the balance of about \$100,000 has not yet been found.

While the Trust has guaranteed \$200,000, it does not currently have the funds. However, the Trust will guarantee reimbursement of such funds in about five years if someone comes up now with the necessary \$200,000. During this period, if the partnership has not been able to collect the required funds, the Trust promises to reimburse the donor by check. There has been consideration as to whether the city should provide the \$200,000 "gap/bridge" financing but no decision has been made by council. Apparently the Jaeger tract owners will accept payment for the land in installments over a period of years.

McLaughlin noted that more details must be worked out but believed that the partnership is close to closing this deal. Representatives of Hoyer, the Trust, NPS and Westchester Park are expected to attend next Monday's city council meeting.

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# Community Events

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
The meeting on October 9 was opened by President Ima Davis and members greeted their neighbors. New members Gil Weidenfeld and June Russo were welcomed.

Karen Haseley announced the OktoberFest at the Community Center on October 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Congressman Steny Hoyer will speak about prescription drugs at the meeting on October 23. Another Chinese Auction will be held at the December 11 meeting.

The 50/50 raffle winners were Pat Parker and Rose Haber. Bingo was won by Don Davis, Betty Maher, Louvain Townsend, Dorothy Wilhelm and Jane Fendlay.

There are still spaces for the Williamsburg trip on December 10, 11 and 12. Deadline for payment is November 4. Members and non-members are welcome on this trip.

Good wishes and cheer to members who are feeling under the weather; we hope they will be back at meetings soon.

## Greenbelt CARES

The week of October 6 Teresa Smithson attended the first in a series of four workshops for new field instructors at the University of Maryland School of Social Work in Baltimore. The workshops will examine a model of student development and provide guidelines for developmentally appropriate supervision of social work students. This seminar is being provided as part of a research project conducted by the seminar instructors, Kathleen Deal, D.S.W., L.C.S.W. and John Hartin, M.S.W.

The Crisis Intervention Counselors (CICs) met with Arlene Joelle of the Prince George's Hospital Sexual Assault Center (SAC). Joelle has been asked to improve the level of crisis and one-on-one care provided to sexual assault victims seen at the hospital; she was seeking information on how the CARES CICs work. Information was shared and the CICs agreed to help in the training of volunteers who will then be assigned to work in the SAC. Anyone with information, contacts or resources that may be of use is encouraged to call Toni or Genevieve at CARES.

## Peace Coalition Plans Anti-war March

The Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition will meet Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at 19 Woodland Way. There will be a discussion of local issues needing attention.

Other items on the agenda will be the expansion of anti-war protests at the local level and participation in the national anti-war march on October 26 at 1 p.m. from the Mall (at the Lincoln Memorial) to the White House. For information, call 301-474-6890 or 301-474-1353.

### SchromFest Postponed

SchromFest, originally scheduled to be held October 12, has been postponed until further notice.

## Call-A-Bus

The City of Greenbelt will receive a new Call-A-Bus vehicle under the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program grant for Fiscal Year 2003. Prince George's County will be ordering these vehicles within the next several months. A delivery time of 90 days after the order is placed is anticipated. The municipal share for the City of Greenbelt is five percent.

## Explore Opera And Mythology

Explore the history of opera and its thematic relationship to the mythology of the ancient Greeks on Friday, October 25 with John Cahill, presenter at Explorations Unlimited. Cahill will use audio and video excerpts of arias and scenes from several operas from the baroque period to the 20th century that depict the exploits of the gods and goddesses and heroic figures of ancient Greece.

Cahill teaches a variety of courses in Adult Continuing Education and the SAGE program for Prince George's Community College, including ancient and Biblical Greek, classical and ecclesiastical Latin, classical mythology in the arts and opera.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Multiple Sclerosis Talk at Marriott

Biogen, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, will sponsor a free talk by Douglas Kerr, M.D., Ph.D., on multiple sclerosis (MS) at the Greenbelt Marriott on Thursday, October 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration begins at 6 p.m.

Kerr is assistant professor of neurology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a staff neurologist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Kerr is the founder of the Johns Hopkins Transverse Myelopathy Center. He is actively involved in research and in 1999 received the Clinical Scientist Award.

MS is a chronic, often debilitating disease of the central nervous system, which affects more than 400,000 Americans. Usually diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can last a lifetime.

The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 800-522-5185.

## Mason-Gaines to Be Honored at Festival

This month Joel Mason-Gaines, a Greenbelt student in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, will be attending the Chicago International Children's Film Festival, where two of his original animated shorts will be screened. Joel, who is 12 years old and in the seventh grade at Andrew Jackson Middle School, will be accompanied by his parents and by George Kochell, the instructor for the animation program.

"3 Steps . . .," one of Joel's two shorts that was accepted for the festival, uses drawings, and was screened at the Ottawa International Animation Festival last year. The second short, "EatToast!," was created by Joel this past winter using clay animation and found objects.

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival, which is the largest children's film festival in North America, is now in its 19th year. The festival features films made for children, and includes works made by children ages 5 to 13. Joel's two shorts are among the 43 films in the festival made by children, selected from hundreds that were submitted from all over the world.

Besides creating animated videos, Joel plays the drums. He plans to be a photographer when he grows up.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program teaches animation to children and teens. It is co-produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) at GATE's studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information about this program, call 301-474-2192.

## Coach Frese Speaks to Lions

Brenda Frese, new head women's basketball coach at the University of Maryland, will speak to the Greenbelt Lion's Club on Monday, October 28 at the Greenbelt American Legion.

The public is invited to attend the event which begins at 7:15 p.m. For more information and reservations call 301-474-5156.

## At the Library

Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, October 23, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, October 24, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for 2 year-olds with caregiver.

# halloween activities

## Halloween At Greenbriar

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children are invited to the annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 26 at 1 p.m. in the Terrace Room. Toddlers and children up to the age of eight are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes and visit with all the ghosts and goblins who will be attending this event. Moms, dads and grandparents, don't forget that this is a photo opportunity, so bring those cameras. Activities will include a costume parade, prizes and refreshments. There is no charge, but registration is required. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 24 to Tina at 301-441-1096



## Mamas and Papas Halloween Party

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will hold a Halloween cakewalk and entertainment extravaganza for community children 18 months to 10 years old on Saturday, October 19 in the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium from 4 to 6 p.m.

In the cakewalk, whoever lands on the spot with the pumpkin gets a cake. There will be child-friendly spooky stories and live musical entertainment. Children can have fun doing crafts, playing games and showing off their costumes. Food will include pizza, popcorn, candy, cookies, cakes and other refreshments.

There is a nominal fee. The party is sponsored by local businesses including the Greenbelt Co-op, Domino's Pizza, Generous Joe's, Giant Supermarket, the Community Center and organized by the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas. For more information call Mamas and Papas president Tanya Nordberg at 301-486-0117.

## Ghoulish Guides, Haunted Woods

Clearwater Nature Center located at Cosca Regional Park in Clinton will hold Haunted Woodlands on October 25 and 26 from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Reservations are required and tickets must be purchased in advance to reserve a tour time.

Haunted Woodlands tours begin with a short train ride into the creepy darkness and are appropriate for ages eight and up. A ghoulish guide will take people on a 40-minute hike to discover live and creepy creatures. Groups will explore a graveyard where they will hear stories of local legends. Highlights will also include the opportunity to touch a snake and get up close to owls, spiders and bats in creepy ways.

Tickets are now on sale at Clearwater Nature Center until sold out. This event is on a first-come, first-served basis. Rain date is Sunday, October 27.

For information, call 301-297-4575; TTY 301-699-2544.

## Marietta Museum Holiday Activities

Marietta House Museum and the Glenn Dale Community Center invite residents to join the fun at the museum on Saturday, October 26 at 7 p.m. Attendees may listen to stories around the campfire, roast marshmallows and bring a flashlight for a nighttime scavenger hunt. Hayrides will begin at 8 p.m. Light refreshments include cookies, hot apple cider and popcorn.

Reservations are required by October 25. There is a fee.

This event is on the grounds of the Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale. For information, call 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544 or the Glenn Dale Community Center staff at 301-352-8983; TTY 301-218-6768.

The City of Greenbelt is tentatively planning a celebration of Halloween on October 31 in the Community Center as a replacement for door-to-door trick or treating.

When plans are completed information will be posted on the city's website [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us), Channel 71 and will appear in the next issue of this newspaper.

Residents are urged to confirm other fall events with the sponsor beforehand.

### Rotary Club of Greenbelt

You Are Invited to Join Us –  
Every Thursday 7:45 a.m. for Breakfast!  
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(please no "scary" costumes)

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# Obituaries

## Suzanne R. Curtis

Suzanne Richardson Curtis, 50, who taught food, nutrition and food service administration at the University of Maryland at College Park since 1983, died October 9, 2002, at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham. She had kidney cancer.



Ohio State University. She was a member of the Maryland State Board of Dietetic Practice.

Dr. Curtis was an active member of Adelphi Friends Meeting, editing its weekly newsletter. She served for many

years as a board member of Friends Community School in College Park. Since 1983 she had lived in Greenbelt, where she volunteered on the staff of the Greenbelt News Review. Her hobbies included designing and sewing quilts, and growing roses. Survivors include her husband of 16 years Peter H. Curtis and their daughter Cara E. Curtis of Greenbelt; her parents James and Muriel Richardson of Anchorage, Alaska, and two sisters Katy McKinney of Trout Lake, Wash., and Brit Ritchey of Eggleston, Va.

A Quaker memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m. at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House in Sandy Spring, Md. A scholarship fund in her name has been established at Friends Community School, 4601 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740.

Dr. Curtis was born in Hood River, Ore., graduated from high school in Anchorage, Alaska and received a bachelor's degree from Lewis and Clark College. She later attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where she received her master's and doctoral degrees. She spent her entire professional career at College Park. In addition to being a popular professor (she was named "Teacher of the Year" by the College of Agriculture in 1996), she did extensive academic advising and ran the University's program preparing students to become Registered Dietitians.

She was an active member of the American Dietetic Association and served as an evaluator for its national accreditation program. In this role she visited numerous academic institutions around the country, ranging in size from Fort Valley State College in Georgia to

cameras and the internet, Grandma Williamson shared photos by Tuesday afternoon's News Review editing session.

## City Notes

The week of October 6 the horticulture crew installed a new irrigation line at the entrance to Boxwood, mulched the allé and trees at Schrom Hills Park, pruned an oak tree, cut back overgrown shrubs and cut the grass along the new path at Schrom Hills Park for the dedication on Saturday, power washed the pavilion and removed a dead oak tree at Schrom Hills. The crew also assisted the parks crew with removing tree stumps at Schrom Hills and transporting the hay wagon borrowed from the City of Laurel for SchromFest.

The parks crew completed reconstruction of the playground between 36 and 38 Ridge, began reconstruction of the playground at 4-6-8 Plateau, removed the old climber and began installation of the new one.

The streets crew completed the asphalt patches on Ora Glen Drive, began base repair on Lakeside Drive, cleaned the parking lot at Schrom Hills Park with the street sweeper and cleaned storm drains and underpasses throughout the city.

The special operations crew continued painting traffic slash lines, bike lane lines and edge lines around the city, began work on signs for Roosevelt Center and the Lake Park, and checked the city for graffiti and unauthorized signs on poles.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Sue Curtis. Our sympathy to her husband Peter and daughter Cara. Sue was a News Review staff member.

Congratulations to Justin Fincham, son of Roy Fincham of Laurel Hill Road, on graduating from the Army ROTC National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. While at camp, each cadet's performance and progress in officer professionalism is assessed.

A Greenbelt thank you to Army 1st Lieutenant Ju Junnika Gooden, nephew of Mary Gooden of Ridge Road. He has deployed to a forward operating location to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom in the war against global terrorism.



News Review editor Mary Lou and husband Jim Williamson celebrate the birth of another grandchild. Daughter Margaret and husband Jose welcomed third son Jorge Cooper Navarrete on October 14, 2002, in Ecuador. Jorge Cooper joins brothers Manuel and Nelson. Thanks to digital

## Youth to Host A Fall Celebration

Join Greenbelt Baptist's youth group as they host a "Fall Celebration" on October 30 (an alternative to trick or treating). On Wednesday, October 30 from 7 to 9 p.m., Greenbelt Baptist Church's Living Proof Youth Group will host its annual Fall Celebration. The invitation is open to all children up to age 12. Parents are welcome and those with younger children are requested to stay with their child. There will be games, prizes, candy and snacks. Adults and children are encouraged to come dressed in a "good guy" costume (please, no "scary" costumes such as witches and skeletons). The celebration will be held at Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill Drive, at the intersection of Greenhill and Crescent Roads. For information, call the church office at 301-474-4212 x3.



## New Food Nutrient Database Available Electronically

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has launched an updated version of its flagship database that reports nutrients in 6,220 food items. Named the "Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 15," or SR15 for short, it is the major authoritative source of food composition in the United States. Both generic and brand-name food items are included.

Information is derived from US Department of Agriculture research, qualified food industry sources, USDA-sponsored contracts and rigorously evaluated scientific literature. A single food

item's complete profile boasts 117 nutrient categories, which appear in columnar format. Newly developed computer programs are used to evaluate data for scientific accuracy and quality control programs maximize data reliability.

Meat product categories in particular have been beefed up. Ground beef data were revamped to reflect new market trends and the demand for lower fat products. Nutritive profiles were added for a variety of emu, ostrich, deer, bi-

son and elk products as well as for eight new beef cuts. Many brand-name, ready-to-eat breakfast cereals and candies were updated to reflect current names and nutrient values.

The ARS Nutrient Data Laboratory in Beltsville provides electronic access to SR15 for free from its website and for purchase on CD-ROM. Go to <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/Data/SR15> to access the website.

## Greenbelt Community Church

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:15 a.m.**

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH



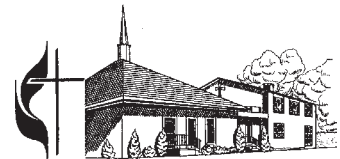
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor  
Corner of Crescent & Greenhill Rds  
301-474-4212 [gbaptist@myexcel.com](mailto:gbaptist@myexcel.com)

Sun. Worship 8:35 & 11:00 am, 6 pm  
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7 pm  
Wed. Living Proof for Youth 7 pm

**"BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE FAMILY OF GOD THRU THE LOVE OF CHRIST"**

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410

SUNDAY

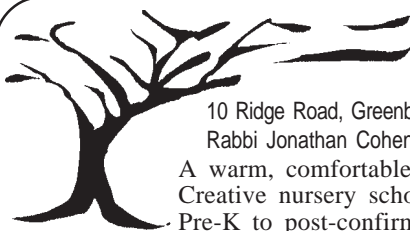
Children and Adults  
Bible Study 9:30 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am

Mon. Disciple Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.

**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**

[www.gbgbm-UMC.org/mowatt](http://www.gbgbm-UMC.org/mowatt)

Oct. 20, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Title: Seeking Our Own Wishes



## Congregation Mishkan Torah

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[www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)

Services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate

Part Time Ministry

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.



## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [stgeogd@aol.com](mailto:stgeogd@aol.com) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

Sundays: 8:00 am  
9:00 am  
10:00 am

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sundays

Morning Worship: 8:00 a.m. (simplified)

Fellowship: 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.



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Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111



## Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building





Safeway Promotes Educational Card

The popular Club Card for Education program established by Safeway’s Eastern Division is being introduced for the 2002-03 school year with enhancements that will allow participation by schools, churches and other youth education organizations, replace free equipment with monthly cash contributions and has the potential for recipients to earn more money monthly overall (with customer contributions totaling up to three percent). The name of the new program has been changed to Club Card for Education powered by eScrip (Electronic Scrip).

Customers will continue to make contributions to the group(s) of their choice simply by swiping their Safeway Club Card each time they shop. Shoppers must register their card and designate the organization(s) of their choice before donations are credited. Sign up online at [escrip.com](http://escrip.com); through any participating school, church or educational group; or at any Safeway location. A maximum of three institutions may be selected per household.

Charities will likely earn more money as the collection period for the enhanced campaign has also been expanded from six to eight months (from October 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003).

For more information, visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

Credit Union Is Five-Star

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union was awarded a five-star superior rating from Bauer Financial. The credit union has received this rating since June 1997. The five-star rating is the highest rating and indicates that the credit union is one of the safest in the US.

The credit union will be serving refreshments in the lobby for its members during the week of October 15 through 18 to celebrate International Credit Union Day, October 17, and Co-op month.

The credit union has been serving the community of Greenbelt for 65 years. It currently has 3,741 members with an asset size of \$16,194,163. The credit union will continue to celebrate Co-op month through the month of October with its annual fall auto sale. Members will receive their invitations in the mail. The sale includes special interest rates on car loans.

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**COLLEGE PARK  
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5211 Paint Branch Parkway (formerly Calvert Road)  
in College Park – across from Airport.

*Open Saturdays – 7 a.m. - Noon  
through November 23*

**Podiatry Care  
In Your Home**

Dr. Allen J. Moien

*A Greenbelt resident, Dr. Moien makes house calls to patients for podiatric (foot) care. Dr. Moien is board certified and is approved for Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance coverage.*

Call 301-441-8632

*to arrange an appointment for foot care in your home.*

**Giant Program Gives Health Coverage Information**

Throughout October, Giant Food will alert parents who purchase milk for their families that low-cost and free health care coverage for uninsured children is available – even for working families. Giant will feature the national toll-free 1-877-KIDS-NOW (543-7669) number on more than 380,000 milk cartons. Parents can call the number to learn more about SCHIP and Medicaid eligibility in their state. Select stores in the area will host enrollment events on the last two Saturdays in October. For specific locations and times, contact [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com).

# City Information

**CITY COUNCIL-Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 21, 2002-8:00 p.m.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

\*Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda-marked by \*- will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

**LEGISLATION**

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Authorize Acceptance of a Historic Preservation Grant from the Maryland Historical Trust and Acceptance of the Requirement for a Preservation Easement on the Property and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents (2nd Reading, Adoption)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- ▲ Proposed Use of Additional Advisory Committee on Education Funds
- ▲ Jaeger Tract Update
- ▲ Proposed New Recycling Center in Greenbelt East
- ▲ \*Resignation from Advisory Group

**MEETINGS**

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.*

**OPENINGS ON  
BOARDS &  
COMMITTEES**

**Volunteer to serve on  
City Council advisory  
groups. Vacancies  
exist on the:**

**Arts Advisory Board**

**Public Safety Advisory  
Board**

**Recycling &  
Environment Advisory  
Committee**

*For more information,  
please call 301-474-8000.*

**MEETINGS FOR  
OCTOBER 21-25**

**Monday, October 21, 8:00pm,  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING, Municipal Bldg.,  
City Council Room.**

*Please check Channel 71,  
[www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) or  
301-474-8004 to see if this  
event will go on as scheduled.*

**LAKE PARK CLEAN-UP  
SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 19TH  
9 AM - NOON**

**Buddy Attick Park**  
*(Rain Date: Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>)*

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.

**Bring your work gloves!  
Wear Comfortable Clothing  
and Boots - or old shoes.**

**STUDENTS - Community  
Service Hours will be given -  
bring your forms.**

For more information, call the Public Works Office at (301) 474-8004.

**GREENBELT ACCESS  
CHANNEL 71**

**Municipal Access: 301-474-8000:**

**Monday, 10/21 at 8pm,** “City Council Meeting-live”

**Tuesday & Thursday, 10/22 & 10/24:** 6pm “Labor Day Talent Show”; 7pm “How Can Mediation Help Me?”; 7:30pm “The Nighthawks”; 8:30pm Replay of City Council Meeting.

**Public Access: 301-507-6581:**

**Wednesday & Friday, 10/23 & 10/25:** 7pm “ACME Puppet Slam”; 8pm “ACME Flea Circus”; 9pm “Halloween Comicon” 12am “Love is Blind”

**CITY OF GREENBELT DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**CODE CORNER-PARKING**

Have you recently received a parking citation? Do you have questions as to why you received the citation? Below is a sampling of some parking regulations taken from the city’s Motor Vehicle and Traffic Code.

- Vehicles may not be parked left wheels to curb, unless the street is designated for one-way traffic, and parking is permitted on the street.
- A vehicle may not park upon any grass, dirt, or unprepared surface unless directed to do so by a police officer, code or parking official, or a traffic control device.
- It is prohibited to park, stop or stand any vehicle in a marked handicap space or zone including the adjacent marked access aisle, unless displaying proper handicap registration or placard. The handicap persons to whom registration or placard are issued must be with the vehicle.
- Where lines have been painted upon any street, alley or public parking lot to indicate parking spaces, a vehicle must be parked within those lines, and may not straddle or park across those lines.
- A vehicle which is dismantled, inoperative, or displaying expired or no tags shall not be stored or parked on any commercial or residential property.
- If curbing is painted yellow, it is prohibited to park along such curb.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 301-345-5417**

**HALLOWEEN EVENTS...** The City of Greenbelt is in the process of planning its Halloween Events. Please check Channel 71 or [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) or this space next week for information.



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U.S.D.A. Choice Beef Boneless Chuck Pot Roast <b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> lb.	Hatfield Seasoned Boneless Pork Fillets <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Perdue Chicken Leg Quarters <b>59¢</b> lb.	Fresh Lean Pork Stuffed Boneless Loin Chops <b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b> lb.
Hillshire Smoked Sausage <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 12 oz. Min.	Bob Evans Breakfast Link Sausage <b>\$2<sup>69</sup></b> 12 oz.
Snackmaster Beef-or-Turkey Jerky <b>\$3<sup>69</sup></b> 4 oz.	Oscar Mayer Deli Style Lunchmeats <b>\$1<sup>59</sup></b> 6 oz.

DAIRY	DELI
Borden's American Singles Yellow-White <b>\$1<sup>59</sup></b> 12 oz.	Esskay Fat Free Low Salt Ham <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Nearby Grade-A White Large Eggs <b>79¢</b> Dozen	Hatfield Deli Roast Beef <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Tropicana Value Size Orange Juice <b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b> 96 oz.	Hormel Genoa-or-Hard Salami <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Coffee Mate Regular Liquid Creamer <b>99¢</b> 32 oz.	Sorrento Provolone Cheese <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.

HOT FOODS DELI	SEAFOOD
Hot-To-Go Meatball Sub <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> Each	Fresh Atlantic Salmon Fillets <b>\$4<sup>69</sup></b> lb.
<b>BAKERY</b>	Mild & Tasty Pollock Fillets <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Baked Kaiser Rolls <b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> 6 Pack	Louis Kemp Seafood Delites <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> 8 oz.

GROCERY BARGAINS	
Sparkle Original Roll Paper Towels <b>69¢</b> Roll	Top Ramen Noodle Soups <b>9¢</b> 3 oz.
Musselman's Apple Sauce Assorted Varieties <b>79¢</b> 23-24 oz.	Angel Soft Bathroom Tissues 4 Roll Pk. <b>79¢</b>
Chicken-Of-The-Sea Chunk Light Tuna <b>59¢</b> 6 oz.	Filbert's Mayonnaise <b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> 32 oz.
Best Yet Tomato Sauce <b>5/99¢</b> 8 oz.	Stove Top Stuffing Mixes Assorted Varieties <b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b> 6 oz.
Lucky Leaf Regular Apple Juice <b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b> 64 oz.	Best Yet Ultra Value Size Heavy Duty Liquid Laundry Detergent <b>\$2<sup>79</sup></b> 100 oz.
Van Kamp's Family Size Baked Beans <b>99¢</b> 28 oz.	Glass Plus Original Glass & Surface Cleaner <b>\$1<sup>59</sup></b> 32 oz.
	Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce <b>79¢</b> 16 oz.
Kellogg's Original Raisin Bran Cereal <b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> 20 oz.	Best Yet Pineapple In-Juice <b>69¢</b> 20 oz.
Best Yet Plastic Sandwich Bags <b>89¢</b> 150 Pk.	Carrington Tea Bags Gourmet-Healthy-Assorted Varieties <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> 20 Bags
Herr's Tortilla Chips <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 14.5 oz.	Colgate Bonus Size Shave Cream <b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b> 14.75 oz.
Maxwell House Original Regular Instant Coffee <b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b> 8 oz.	Best Yet Antiseptic Mouth Rinse <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> 33.8 oz.
Best Yet Original White Foam Plates <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> 50 Pk.-8.8 Inch	G.E. Soft White Light Bulbs <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 4 Pk.
Hefty Twist-Tie Lawn & Leaf Bags <b>\$2<sup>39</sup></b> 10 Pk.	Instant All Purpose Crazy Glue <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> .07 oz.

HEALTH & BEAUTY	
Nabisco Oreo Cream Cookies <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> 17-20 oz.	Kellogg's Mini-Wheats Cereals Original-Bite Size <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 16-19 oz.
Best Yet Vegetable Oil <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> 48 oz.	Best Yet Napkins <b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b> 250 Pk.
Van De Kamp Value Pack Fish Fillets-Portions-Sticks <b>\$2<sup>69</sup></b> 21-26 oz.	Kraft Barbeque Sauces Assorted Varieties <b>99¢</b> 18 oz.
Aunt Jemima Homestyle Waffles <b>89¢</b> 12.5 oz.	

FARM FRESH PRODUCE	
California Sweet Seedless Grapes Red-or-White <b>99¢</b> lb.	Fresh Express Salads Hearts or Romaine-or-Veggie Lover <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> 10-12 oz.
Washington State Delicious Apples Red-or-Golden <b>99¢</b> lb.	Fresh Yellow Onions <b>69¢</b> 2 lb. Bag
Crunchy Bosc Pears <b>99¢</b> lb.	Fresh Green Cabbage <b>29¢</b> lb.
Zeigler's Apple Cider <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> Gallon	Fresh Medium White Mushrooms <b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> lb.
Organic Bartlett Pears <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> lb.	Fall Harvest Squash Acorn-Butter-Spaghetti <b>49¢</b> lb.

FROZEN FOOD	BEER & WINE
Banquet Dinner Select Meals-Value Meals- Assorted Varieties <b>79¢</b> 6-11 oz.	Imported Beck's Beer <b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b> 6 Pack-12 oz. N.R.s
Best Yet Orange Juice <b>79¢</b> 12 oz.	Rene Junot Wines <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> 750 ML
Van De Kamp Value Pack Fish Fillets-Portions-Sticks <b>\$2<sup>69</sup></b> 21-26 oz.	Milwaukee's Best Beer <b>\$2<sup>79</sup></b> 6 Pack-12 oz. Cans
Aunt Jemima Homestyle Waffles <b>89¢</b> 12.5 oz.	Tott's Champagne <b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b> 750 ML

NATURALS	PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY
Seeds Of Change Organic Salad Dressings Assorted Varieties <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 13 oz.	Don't Forget! <b>CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING</b> Saturday, Oct. 26th, 10:15 am Greenbelt Library, Lower Level Meeting Room Board & Management Reports, Refreshments & Door Prizes. <b>All Members Are Invited!</b>
Da Vinci Organic Spaghetti <b>\$1<sup>09</sup></b> 16 oz.	

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**BEST YET HOT COCOA MIX**  
Original-Marshmallow 10 Pk.  
**59¢**

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**BLUE BONNET SOFT VEGETABLE SPREAD**  
3 lb. Bowl  
**99¢**

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Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer

COUPON IS VALID MONDAY, 10-21THRU SUNDAY, 10-27-02  
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**BEST YET GRANULATED SUGAR**  
4 lb. Bag  
**99¢**

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Assault**  
9100 block Edmonston Terrace, October 4, 3:41 p.m., a Greenbelt man, 26, and a Laurel man, 21, were charged with assault after officers responded to the residence where a fight with knives had been reported. One suspect was located outside the apartment building and dropped a knife to the ground upon seeing an officer. The second suspect was arrested inside an apartment, where a second knife was recovered. Both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. No one was injured.

Beltway Plaza, October 6, 6:07 p.m., a female nonresident, 20, was arrested and charged with assault after officers responded to a report of a fight in progress. Another woman on the scene told officers that she and the suspect became involved in an argument over a parking space. The dispute became physical, with the suspect allegedly brandishing a knife and threatening the other woman. The suspect was transported by ambulance for treatment of a broken nose suffered during the incident and then was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

**Robbery**  
5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, October 4, 8:20 p.m., a food delivery person was making a delivery when he was grabbed from behind by a suspect while two other suspects went through the victim's pockets and removed his wallet. The suspects then fled. They are described as (1) a black male, 16 to 18, 5'9", 130 lbs., hair in cornrows, light complexion, wearing a dark-colored shirt and blue jeans, and (2) a black male, 16 to 19, 5'9", 130 lbs., dark complexion, wearing a dark-colored shirt and blue jeans. No description is given for the third suspect.

6200 block Breezewood Court, October 4, 10 p.m., a man was walking home when he was grabbed from behind by a suspect while two other suspects went through his pockets and removed his wallet. The suspects then fled. A description is available only for one suspect who is described as a black male, 16 to 18, 5'7", 130 lbs., wearing a white bandana over his face. The only description available for the other two suspects is that they also had white bandanas over their faces.

9100 block Edmonston Court, October 4, 10:06 p.m., a man was walking to a residence when he was grabbed from behind by one of three suspects who displayed a black handgun and forced him to the ground, where a suspect went through his pockets and took his cellular telephone and wallet. All three then fled. Two of the suspects are described as (1) a black male, 16 to 20, 5'10", thin, hair in cornrows, wearing a white T-shirt and dark blue jogging pants, and (2) a black male, 15 to 20, 6'4", muscular build and a small mustache, wearing a black T-shirt and dark pants. No description is given for the third suspect.

6100 block Springhill Terrace, October 7, 12:09 a.m., a man was walking home when he was approached by three suspects, one armed with a black handgun. This suspect announced a robbery, at which time the victim gave one of the suspects money. All three then fled. The suspects are described only as three black males, 5'10", each with a thin build. Two of them were wearing dark clothing and a mask.

**Drug Arrests**  
5700 block Cherrywood Lane, October 4, 10:15 a.m., following a traffic stop, a Capitol Heights man, 40, was arrested and charged with possession of heroin and paraphernalia. A computer check revealed that he had a suspended license and an open arrest warrant with the Sheriff's Department. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, October 6, 1:34 a.m., following a traffic stop, a 21-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

6000 block Springhill Drive, October 7, 5:44 p.m., a Greenbelt man, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and related charges. Three persons suspected of selling fled when officers arrived, but one was apprehended. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

**Burglary**  
100 block Centerway, October 8, 7:45 a.m., someone forced open an office door and took a digital camera, cash and checks.

100 block Centerway, October 8, 1:17 p.m., someone forced open an office door and took a laptop computer.

7200 block Mandan Road, October 7, 2:04 p.m., entry to a residence was gained by forcing a window. A DVD player, DVDs, a video game player, video games, cash and compact discs were taken.

**Underage Drinking**  
7000 block Hanover Parkway, October 8, 4:20 p.m., an officer observed a Greenbelt resident, 20, consuming an alcoholic beverage. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Theft**  
5800 block Cherrywood Lane, October 9, 10:11 p.m., someone took a .38 semiautomatic handgun from a residence.

**Vandalism**  
9100 block Springhill Lane, October 7, 8:31 p.m., someone threw a rock at the window of a residence, breaking it.

6000 block Springhill Drive, October 7, 10:06 p.m., someone threw a rock at the window of a residence, breaking it.

**Forgery**  
With reference to bad checks reported September 6 at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a Landover man, 20, with forgery and theft.

**Fraud**  
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Scott's Campaign Office Robbed

Audrey Scott's campaign for Prince George's county executive was dealt a blow when her Lanham campaign headquarters was burglarized recently. The campaign manager's laptop computer was stolen, containing campaign information including strategy, voter and volunteer lists, budget, schedules and advertising plans.

The county councilmember praised the county police. "Their response was immediate, they conducted a thorough investigation and I am confident that they will find the perpetrator(s)."

ported September 19 in the 7500 block of Mandan Road, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a 35-year-old woman of no fixed address with four counts of fraud/identity information theft.

**Vehicle Crime**  
The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 1994 Honda Accord two-door, Md. tags JNL521, October 4, from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 1991 Ford Explorer, October 5, from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive, which was recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police in D.C.; an amethyst 2000 Dodge Neon four-door, Md. tags JAD298, October 5, from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a brown 1987 Toyota Camry, Md. tags JNK231, October 7, from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; a 1992 Dodge van, October 8, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, which was recovered October 10 by County police in Largo; a 1998 Dodge Neon four-door, October 9, from the 7900 block Mandan Road, which was recovered the next day by Berwyn Heights Police in Berwyn Heights; a 1999 Dodge Stratus four-door, October 9, from the 9200 block Edmonston Road, which was recovered the next day by County police in Oxon Hill; a 1997 Acura TL four-door, October 9, from the 6400 block Ivy Lane, which was recovered the next day by County police in New Carrollton; a light blue 1995 Honda Accord four-door, Md. tags PTB448, October 10 from the 7700 block Jacobs Drive.

Twelve previously stolen vehicles were recovered, involving one arrest.

In two incidents, drivers from Greenbelt and Landover were charged with theft after a computer check revealed the tags on their vehicles were stolen. Both suspects were released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 6200 block Breezewood Court; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; Beltway Plaza (three incidents); 9100 block Edmonston Road; 46 Court Ridge Road; 38 Court Ridge Road; 7900 block Mandan Road; 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; 100 block Westway; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (two incidents); and 9300 block Edmonston Road.



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Community Meetings on School Proposals

The Prince George’s County Public Schools Board of Education will hold a series of community meetings to discuss the Community Magnet/Choice Schools program, student assignments for the opening of two new elementary schools (Colmar Manor and Samuel Massie) and high school boundary changes. One meeting will be held in the auditorium at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 p.m. An additional session to discuss high school boundaries only will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at DuVal High School, 9880 Goodluck Road, Lanham. Public hearings are instrumental in gathering community input and garnering support for school system initiatives. Input from these community meetings will also assist in identifying the community’s priorities for education. Public participation is encouraged. To register to speak call the Board of Education office at 301-952-6115 by 4 p.m. on the

date of the public hearing. The proposals for Community/Magnet schools, boundary changes and student assignments can be reviewed at the county public schools’ website: [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) (under CEO – What’s New). Questions, opinions or recommendations regarding details of the boundary and student assignment proposal may also be sent by fax to 301-952-6784 or by email to [pasbt@pgcps.org](mailto:pasbt@pgcps.org). Questions, opinions or recommendations regarding details of the Community Magnet/Choice Schools programs may also be sent by fax to 301-952-6046 or by email to [magnet.office@pgcps.org](mailto:magnet.office@pgcps.org). Comprehensive reorganization of the magnet school program is systemwide and based on the recommendations of the desegregation expert panel. To review the panel’s report, “The Report on Magnet Schools and Educational Equity in Prince George’s County,” visit the website – [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) under CEO – What’s New.

Music at Riverdale

Music at Riverdale will present the Bach Society of Baltimore in Motets, Madrigals, and Money Can’t Buy Me Love. The free concert will feature music from fifth century France to the Beatles of ‘60s England. From the sacred to the secular and some undecided, the Bach Society will present all genres of the a capella repertoire. The concert will take place on Sunday, October 20 at 4 p.m. at Riverdale Presbyterian Church at 6513 Queens Chapel Road in University Park. For information call 301-927-0477.



Riverdale Artists Hold Open House

The artists of Passageways Studios will hold their annual Fall Open Studios on Sunday afternoon, October 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. Artwork, including printmaking, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media, will be exhibited with most work for sale. Passageways is a working artists’ cooperative with members drawn from Prince George’s, Howard and Montgomery Counties. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios. Light refreshments will be served. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale. The center is located one block east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Route 410 (East-West Highway).

ACE Lists Desired Traits Of School System CEO

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) submitted to the Greenbelt City Council a report which had earlier been sent to the Prince George’s County School System CEO search committee. In order to meet the comment period deadline of October 1, the city administration authorized ACE to submit the report and note that a statement of council’s position would follow. Council discussed the report at its meeting on October 7. ACE outlined qualities that a school system CEO should possess. These include: firm knowledge of educational philosophy and process; ability to inspire school system employees and attract and retain a qualified administrative staff and principals; ability to function well as a team player, including a demonstrated ability to work with the school board, county and state elected officials; the wisdom to evaluate, accept and appropriately use the ideas of a competent staff and not be threatened by alternative

views; a respect for citizens and county officials shown through attendance at community events and by seeking community input before making significant changes; and attendance at county schools by any school-age children of the CEO. Leta Mach, ACE chair, told council the school board’s requirements were not that comprehensive. Mayor Judith Davis suggested additional criteria, including the ability to attract and retain competent teachers and other school employees and the fiscal knowledge to leverage state and federal funds. Councilmember Thomas White later added private funds to this list. In its report ACE expressed the opinion that the incumbent CEO, Dr. Iris Metts, does not meet all the criteria outlined by ACE. After discussion about the appropriateness of this statement, council voted to send a letter to the county school board’s search committee without comment on the incumbent but concurring

ACE Reading Club Receives Grant

A grant application entitled “ACE Reading Club” in the amount of \$5,000 has received approval under the Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund. The grant requires that “The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will conduct a reading program for Greenbelt students during the school year. Students will be encouraged to read books on a weekly basis and write book reviews. Participants will receive certificates of accomplishment and be recognized by their school community and municipality.” with the criteria given by ACE and adding the criteria suggested during the council meeting. The letter will also include the final sentence of the ACE report: “The county deserves and should be able to attract the very best leadership available and a search should be made to ensure that the county does receive such leadership.” Mach said there should be opportunity in March for further input on the candidates for the CEO position.

# ATTENTION MEMBERS

The GHI Woodlands committee will be removing invasive plants in parcel W at a work session on Sunday, October 20, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Meet at the intersection of Greenhill, Hillside and Research Roads. Come help improve the health of our wooded areas! Instructions will be provided. Please bring gloves, pruners, shovels and spading forks. For more information contact Jim Soule at 301-927-7069.

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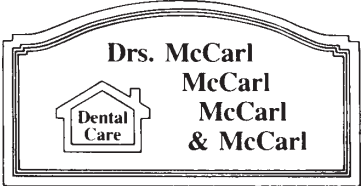
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This two bedroom frame *END* unit has been well maintained. Refinished hardwood floors, ceiling fans, extended storage area, built-in air conditioners, landscaped and fenced yards, storage shed and deck. Backs to woods. **\$84,900**

8-F Laurel Hill Road

NEW LISTING

This *one bedroom LOWER LEVEL* unit has refinished hardwood floors, new Bosch washer and dryer, remodeled kitchen, two new window air conditioners, landscaped fenced yard and backs to woods. **\$50,900**

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NEW LISTING

This *ONE* bedroom *UPPER LEVEL END* unit has been freshly painted and includes a window air conditioner, ceiling fan, extra storage closet, new wall-to-wall carpeting, large corner yard and storage shed. **\$49,900**

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the South, at-large elections have been used to dilute minority votes and many jurisdictions have been challenged under the Voting Rights Act.

Jascourt said that the courts have often ordered the creation of single-member districts or the use of cumulative voting. In 1994, according to Jascourt, a Federal judge ordered cumulative voting for the Worcester County, Maryland Commissioners. A black had never been elected to office there, he said. However, an appeals court remanded the case back to the lower court to consider possible alternatives, such as council districts.

Jascourt declared, “We don’t want districts.” He noted that district boundaries are arbitrarily set by elected officials protecting their own turf and that gerrymandering (he called it “gerry-meandering”) occurs. He also said that the city council did not want arbitrary lines dividing Greenbelt. He contended that using districts results in elections where winner takes all, and minority interests don’t bother to vote because there is no chance of success. Districts only benefit minorities that are grouped in one location, not spread out through the jurisdiction, he said.

**Cumulative Voting**

Of the two alternatives Jascourt discussed, cumulative voting is the simpler to explain. In the case of a city council election, voters would be allowed five votes to cast in whatever fashion they please. Thus, a voter could cast one vote for each of five candidates, all five votes for one candidate, or spread the votes among two, three or four candidates. By concentrating all five votes on one candidate, minority voters can insure that one of their group can get elected but then they have no say in the selection of the other four councilmembers. If there are too many minority candidates, they may cause the minority vote to be split and fail to elect any one of their group.

**Choice Voting**

While it’s simple to explain how votes are cast, the counting of the votes can become quite complicated. A voter gives preferential ranking to all candidates on the ballot by marking a first choice, second choice, third choice, etc. In counting, only the first choices are counted to begin with. Since no more than five candidates can each garner 17 percent of the votes, that number is determined to be the percentage of votes needed to win.

In the first count, any candidate with at least 17 percent of the vote is thus declared a winner. Any votes in excess of 17 percent received by a candidate are then distributed between the voters’ second choices.

In the days of paper ballots, when it was determined that a candidate had enough votes in the counting, any other votes received for that candidate not yet counted were given to the second-place choices. But since computers can do more difficult math, the distribution of second choices is now done in a more complicated way. The ratio of votes received to the votes needed to win is determined, and that portion in excess is given to the second place choices. For example, if a candidate receives 34 percent of the votes cast, twice the amount needed to win, the candidate would receive one-

half of those votes. The other half of the votes would be allocated to each voter’s second-choice candidate.

After the excess winners’ votes are recast, there may still not be five candidates with 17 percent of the vote. Then the candidate receiving the fewest votes is declared a loser and the votes of those who made that losing candidate their first choice will be redistributed to the candidates named as their second choices. But if those additional votes cause a candidate to have more than 17 percent of the vote, these excess votes are redistributed among the remaining candidates on the basis of third choices named. This reshuffling of the votes cast to second, third or whatever choice continues until five candidates have achieved a vote of 17 percent and are declared the winners.

To select the mayor, Jascourt suggests that all first-place votes be counted. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, the votes for the least popular candidate are recounted to the voters’ second choices, and then those of the next least popular until one candidate accumulates a majority of votes.

Jascourt said that choice voting is successfully used in Australia and that most democracies use either a form of choice or cumulative voting. The cost of election campaigning is lower, he claimed, because it takes fewer votes to win. Minorities easily get elected.

**Olson**

Olson, who is also a College Park city councilmember, made a brief presentation in which he reported that Cambridge, Mass., has successfully used the choice system since the 1940s. With a nine-member council, a candidate can be elected with 14 percent of the vote. There has always been a Republican on the council and racial minorities have also been represented. New York City also used choice voting in the ‘30s and ‘40s in the era when Fiorello La Guardia was elected mayor. However, this method was abandoned in the ‘50s. Cincinnati, Ohio, also used this method from 1925 to 1957.

Olson said that Illinois used cumulative voting to elect its leg-

islature until 1980 in a system where three legislators were elected from each district. Amarillo, Texas, is now the largest city to have cumulative voting, he said. Around 50 cities now use this method of election as a result of Voting Rights Act lawsuits. He claimed that where it has been used, the number of women participating and being elected to office has increased.

**Questions, Comments**

Keith Chernikoff, a member of the Board of Elections, expressed concern that he would have only one-fifth the say in voting in choice voting and that it would disempower voters. Olson contended that this method would actually empower voters because it would provide greater representation to minorities. Cumulative voting is somewhat proportional in representing voters; choice voting is fully proportional, he said.

Another election boardmember, Dorothy Lauber, expressed concern about going to voting districts. As a former city clerk, she had heard horror stories from other clerks on the problems created when councilmembers are elected from districts.

Bill Uber, a resident for two and one-half years, said that Jascourt and Olson seem to make the assumption that the 11 pepperoni lovers have no consideration for mushroom lovers. He doesn’t feel that way here. “What benefit is this in Greenbelt?” he asked. Olson said it would bring more voices to the table and help to increase understanding.

Sylvia Lewis, a former council candidate, said that she was interested in looking at different ways of electing the council. She said that now it is extremely hard for a non-incumbent to get elected and there is an extremely low turnout of voters. She also said that we should be concerned that only one African-American has ever run for council.

Chernikoff, however, contended that the turnout has a lot to do with the people running. “Shoe leather is what wins,” he said. “This is a consensus town. We work towards the middle.”

Ott asked how slates affected these methods. Olson said they were neither pro-slate or anti-

A Delightful Canoe Trip Launches Outdoor Program

by Jonathan Murray

There was some skepticism that our September 28 canoe trip offered through Greenbelt Outdoor Recreation Programs (GORP) would end up landlocked with the forecast calling for high winds. As luck would have it, Saturday morning dawned to clear blue skies, calm winds, and excited participants. Following a circle of introductions, it was off to the put-in site. Once arriving at the Patuxent River (near Jug Bay Natural Area) we were pleased to find that the prior two days of rain had swollen the river considerably, creating a nice current to carry us down the river.

After a moment of anxiety each of the paddlers stepped off terra firma and into the canoes. The first hour followed with grunts and laughter as canoeists collided with downed tree branches, each other and the riverbank while they adapted to their paddles. Within a short time everyone gained their sea legs and the paddling became low fluid motions. The canoes skimmed along easily with the

tide and the wind at our backs pushed us along our way. While our ears enjoyed the sounds of leaves gently singing in the breeze, our eyes drank up the sights, and our skin soaked up some rays – is this heaven or what?

After a short stop for lunch the scenery abruptly changed from an enclosed river to an open tidal marsh populated most notably by the numerous stands of native wild rice.

Even though we missed the blooming of the wild rice on this trip (which attracts an immense variety of wildlife), we were still blessed with viewing red-shouldered hawks, turkey vultures, osprey, red-winged blackbirds and painted turtles.

All in all we had a great time, and after five hours on the river, everyone was happy to stretch their legs.

For more information about this trip or future programs contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 or email greenbeltadventures@yahoo.com.

slate. He also said they have been used in other places that have non-partisan elections.

Robert Auerbach, another former council candidate, said that he had read quite a lot about election methods. Most democratic countries use a proportional system. He contended that with such systems more women and more representatives of ethnic groups get elected. He said that Greenbelters would be better off with such a system.

Olson was asked if voters would understand the method of counting in choice voting. He replied that some would and some wouldn’t, but that most would trust the vote counters if the choice method were used.

Doug Love said that he didn’t understand the math completely, but that he did understand the intent. He thought that choice vot-

ing would be a more consistent procedure of voting and allow him more control over his vote.

Ott asked how proportional voting increased voter turnout. Olson cited Amarillo, where he said the number of votes has “shot up” since cumulative voting was instituted. Voters saw that their votes count for more, that they counted towards electing someone that they really wanted to elect.

Ott believes that the Board of Elections will probably meet again in the latter part of this month to consider voting methods. At that time, the board could decide to further explore questions which boardmembers might raise. Or it could decide to submit a report to the council, with or without a recommendation, based upon the information it has already gathered.

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#### Board of Directors

Thursday, October 24, 2002  
GHI Board Room – 7:30 p.m.

#### Key Agenda Items

- Proposed 2003 Budget
- Parking Regulations – Member & Community Relations Recommendations
- Fall Drainage Contract – Second Reading
- Larger Homes Air Conditioning Upgrades – Second Reading
- GHI Owned Boiler Rooms – Recommendations for Use and Upkeep

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